

DEPUTATION TO THE STATE PREMIER.

A deputation, consisting of Major-General Pringle and Messrs. Dangar, A. Muggendorff, T. H. Smith, M. L. C., and Clark, secretary to the late conference, arrived at the subject of the late conference, was introduced to the State Premier, Mr. See, on Saturday morning by Mr. R. Atkinson Price, M. L. A., and laid before him the resolutions arrived at by the conference.

Mr. Price presented a copy of the resolutions carried as well as a list of its members, and said the latter was a most representative one. The resolutions have already been published in the *Advertiser*.

Major-General Pringle French said he was chairman of the conference when the matter to which the

greatest number of resolutions. He thought that if the resolutions were arranged in the order in which they were introduced upon the floor, the effect would be excellent. He thought that the resolutions would be arranged in the order in which they were introduced upon the floor, the effect would be excellent. He thought that the resolutions would be arranged in the order in which they were introduced upon the floor, the effect would be excellent.

Mr. T. H. Smith, M.L.C., referring to one of the resolutions which had been passed, said that the question of a tax on stallions had never been talked of, for a long time, though nothing had as yet been tried. At the same time he was very true to do rather too much, and in saying this he alluded more particularly to the first resolution, which affirmed that the Imperial Government should establish an official agency in the State with a view of purchasing horses direct

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that the deputation required. The results of an important conference, composed of men from all parts of the country, and men of large experience must demand the respect of anyone holding such a position as he did. It had long been brought under his notice that the breeding of horses was a blessing of ordinary horses, and it was just as easy to breed a good horse as a bad one. He quite appreciated the objects of the deputation, and as far as he could he would give effect to them. In a few days he would put the matter in the hands of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, but he would supervise the whole thing and make himself acquainted with

Africa our horses had become famous to an extent never before enjoyed, and he hoped the English Government would encourage in every way the production of good horses in Australia, where there was a wide field for the development of such an industry.

Mr. Dargatz said the middle man was at the present time obtaining more than the owner. He bought his horses here at £10 or £12, took them to India, and resold £45 for them. If the people in this country could get £25 or £30 a head for their horses it would pay to breed the proper stamp of animal, and there

There would be plenty of horses available, but at present prices it did not pay.

THE MILITARY FORCE.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

On Saturday afternoon the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Frederick Darley, G.C.M.G., presented long service and meritorious service medals to members of the military force. A voluntary parade of metropolitan troops was held under Major Beam. At 5 o'clock the troops were formed up on the green facing the Government buildings.

ing the staff office. Shortly afterwards the Lieutenant-Governor arrived. He was accompanied by Captain H. Darley, A.D.C., and Miss Darley. There were also present, the Premier (Mr. See), Major-General French, the Governor-general William-Edwards, Colonel Tannock, Major Boon, and a large number of spectators.

Before presenting the medals the Lieutenant-Governor addressed the men. He said:—“It affords me very great pleasure to be asked to attend here today to distribute to you four different classes of decorations, medals and orders, which are the result of your officers' decorations and a life-saving award. I feel I am trespassing upon delicate ground, because

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His Excellency then presented the medals.

LIST OF RECIPIENTS.

The following is a list of those who received medals :—

COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

N.S.W. Artillery (Garrison).—Sergeant-major Robert Robinson, Sergeant-major Benjamin John Orlov, Quartermaster, Sergeant Arthur Newlin, Sergeant Sydney T. Gardiner, Sergeant William Edgar Macell, Sergeant Second-Lieutenant Hugh William Lea Biah, retired list, Sergeant; Sergeant-major Joseph Hart, Wollongong; Ser-

Sergeant George Edwin Cooper, Newcastle; Sergeant Christopher Cheatham Jowett, Newcastle; Sergeant John Halliday, Newcastle; Sergeant George Gilbert, Newcastle; Sergeant John James, Newcastle; Sergeant John James Walsh, Newcastle; Gunner Samuel Matthews, Wellington.
 New South Wales Corps of Engineers.—Captain John Sinclair Alexander.
 10th Regiment.—Lieutenant-Colonel William James Norman Oldershaw, commanding; Lieutenant and Quartermaster Joseph Hamilton Brown, Warrant-officer William Marshall, Colour-sergeants Robert Black, Walter Brown, James Brown, James Brown, James Brown, Sergeants Matthew Vining Hobbs, William Westcott, William Stewart, Arthur Seymour, James Thomas, Edwin Thomas, John Thomas, Colour-sergeant Thomas Mulready, Captain John Duffy.

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Villam Thorpe.
Fifth Volunteer Infantry Regiment (Scottish Rifles).—
Major Alexander Stott.
Army Service Corps.—Honorary Second Lieutenant
Edwin Washington Tunks (retired list).
Seventh Volunteer Infantry Regiment.—Honorary Second
Lieutenant Thomas Briggs (course of Officers).
MEMORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS.
Warrant Officers: C. Walker, J. S. Ward, G. Brown, J.
Corpor, H. S. Mason, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Petten-
den, R.A.C.
COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT.
Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Mack-Barnes, commanding
the Infantry Regiment; Major Arthur Lidd, commanding

South Wales Artillery; Major Stephen Mallory, 2nd Infantry Regiment; Major William Holmes, D.S.O., 1st Infantry Regiment; Captain Alvan Charles Fringle, New South Wales Artillery; Captain William Noel Jordan, 4th New South Wales Artillery; Rev. H. Wallace Mort, M.A., Senior Chaplain.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY'S CERTIFICATE.
A Royal Humane Society's certificate was presented to Private J. G. Stewart, of the Army Medical Corps.

TILLOTSON AND CO.'S EMPLOYEES' PICNIC.

The sixth annual picnic of the employees of Messrs. Tillock and Co., wholesale grocers, took place on Saturday at Clontarf. The employees and their families to the number of 150 embarked on the steamer Courage at the Circular Quay at 9.30 a. m., and after a pleasant run down the harbour, land was effected at Mr. Lane's pleasure grounds, Clontarf, where on arrival the company partook of an oyster and sandwich lunch. Dancing was then entered upon in the pavilion. This occupied the attention of the visitors until 11 o'clock, when dinner was served. The chair was filled by Mr. R. J. O'Connell, head waiter of the Clontarf Hotel, who

Mr. Edward Tillock, and on his left Mr. Turnidge. The vice-chair was filled by Mr. Wales. Among the visitors were Mr. F. Tillock, Dr. Chennell, Mr. E. Waters, Mr. Triggs (Triggs and Marc), Mr. Mann (Roes, Mann, and Co.), Mr. James Robertson, Mr. Timothy Cunningham and Co., and Mr. Ashton (Ashton Brothers). The company, as a whole, was very much drawn to the address of the King. Mr. Turnidge proposed "Success to the firm of Tillock and Co." In doing so he referred to the loss occasioned the firm by the disastrous fire which overtook their premises in the month of May last, but now that the stores had all been rebuilt

Mr. T. Tillock responded. He thanked the company for the honor of having been asked to give the feeling of the community, which existed between the firm and the employees. "The other toasts were—" The Day We Celebrate," proposed by Mr. C. H. Pearce; "The Vintners," proposed by Mr. Wailes and responded to by Mr. Adamann and Mr. J. Robertson; "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. H. Griffiths and responded to by Mr. W. Black. After dinner the party were photographed in a programme of sports was entered upon. Much of the evening the music was furnished by the energy of Mr. C. J. Elliott, who, with Mr. C. H. Pearce (hon. secretary) and Mr. Frank Smith

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Dierckx Dockyard has been instructed to build a battleship of 12,500 tons in length and of 16,500 tons dead weight displacement.

Renter states that Great Britain and Russia have completed an agreement not to intervene in the event of a revolution in Afghanistan.

The "Times" correspondent at St. Petersburg states that the Russian troops within striking distance of Afghanistan do not exceed 9000 with 30 guns.

The Czars, M. de Witte, and Count Lamsdorf are anxious to maintain the general peace. The Czar has refused to take part in the apert d'admission to avoid a conflict.

The Master of the Rolls has resigned. Sir R. Collins has been appointed to the position, and Sir J. Smith has taken over the duties of Sir R. Collins as one of the Lord Justices of Appeal.

A deputation waited on the State Premier on Saturday and submitted the resolutions arrived at by their recent conference on the trade in remounts.

Nice, in his reply, said he hoped good would result from the conference. He would have himself acquainted with the details of the propositions.

On Saturday morning a man named Pike shot himself in the head with a toy revolver whilst in a cell of the Central Police Station. It was removed to hospital and he was in a critical condition.

Yesterday Cardinal Moran opened and blessed new church and presbytery at Moama.

On Saturday afternoon the Lieutenant-Governor presented long service and meritorious-service medals to some soldiers formerly in South Africa.

A successful grand jury trial was held by the Presiding Magistrate at the residence of the Honorable Sir Miles Standish Bartlett Bishopscourt, Randwick on Saturday afternoon, when the Lieutenant-Governor was present.

The Governor-General shall find difficulty still to settle.

A bill in the Western Australian Parliament has been introduced so as to make the operation of company companies in that State illegal.

The prize-money for the meeting of the National Association to-day amounts to about £8000.

An exciting scene occurred in the New Zealand House of Representatives when the mail service resolutions were voted upon.

The voting in favour of the term of the contract for months was carried on the casting vote of the chairman.

Sir J. G. Ward impressed the House with the necessity of New Zealand taking action with Great Britain and the Commonwealth to secure the amendment of the United States shipping laws.

R.M.S. Linair arrived in Farns Cove yesterday morning and will probably formally leave tomorrow.

During her visit in China the Lady Comberford will be useful in protecting British commerce on the rivers.

The Minister for Works visited Mount Victoria on Saturday.

In the course of a speech, Mr. O'Sullivan said had raised the road rate to £700,000 a year, and would gradually increase it to £1,000,000.

Shipowners are agitating for the construction of additional lightships a little to the westward of Sydney Heads.

A goods train struck through the railway points at Glaxton (Vic.) on Saturday, but serious damage was not done.

The disabled steamer City of Lincoln put into Port Adelaide on Saturday morning.

The "Herald," Melbourne, of Queensland, suddenly in Sydney last night.

Light thunderstorms rains have occurred through the southern districts and in the west.

The late arrival of the R.M.S. Cyclo at Fremantle on Saturday evening was due to the fact that on Saturday night there was a delay in the delivery of the cargo.

On the Stock-Exchange on Saturday the market for investment securities was quiet and prices were steady.

The Mining market was also quiet. A further weakening tendency was noticeable in Western Australia, where the future of tin mines, and copper companies.

In the Import market on Saturday there was not large number of transactions, but full rates generally prevailed.

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But the tendency to a smaller rate of progress will be produced much more by the loss from misapplication and waste of labour over than from the exactions of the Customs-house.

In the past few years the development of the dairy, dairying, and mining industries has been very pronounced. After providing for home requirements the States of the Commonwealth exported domestic produce in 1900 to the amount of £25,000,000 as compared with about £43,000,000 in 1900. It shows figures may be found the cause of the rapid recovery of the continent from the depression which afflicted it in the first years of the decade, establishing the property when entire dependence on a sounder foundation than it had once enjoyed for years. In the nine years ended 1900-1 not less than 2,600,000 acres of land was added to the acre physically cultivated—an increase of no less than 64 per cent., as compared with an increase of about 20 per cent. in the population. An addition of 2,600,000 was made to the annual gold output, equal in value to nearly £20,000,000. Under the wheat-grower or the goldminer will suffer less from a tariff as the proposed may be imagined. Those already in the Government State of Victoria take that 250,000 acres have gone out of wheat cultivation. And the Melbourne "Argus" says that one of the causes is the want of labour. Last year there was no increase in the area under grain in New South Wales, notably from the same cause. Perhaps wheat cultivation was not so profitable as in the past, with the heavy imports of the federal tariff the difficulties of industry must be greatly increased. And how the grazier and dairyman are to be helped by the tariff is difficult to say must be left to others to explain. From the operation of the extra taxation we can see nothing but loss to the producers. Their heavy deductions made from their earnings they will be discouraged in their enterprise. And they numbers to seek the compensation of increasing numbers to seek the compensation of some of our public men with to create. The diversion of labour from the land must lessen the volume of production. The effect of the tariff as now proposed will be had in every direction, as will be apparent in future statistics showing the progress of the Commonwealth.

THE DISCUSSION ON THE ESTIMATES.

As the discussion on the Estimates goes on the public will be interested in observing how far the Legislative Assembly grasps its responsibility in view of federalism and the tariff. The Opposition and the Government each has a duty to discharge, and one for which a strict account will be taken. Members have the opportunity now to carefully and calmly review the State position, and this is not best done by driving the Estimates through a jaded House after a long and exhausting sitting. The Opposition has an opportunity afforded to put forward questions and criticisms as to their intentions. We have been promised considerable reductions in expenditure as the result of federation. Is the Ministry going to make them, or is it to be allowed to shirk the question? Now that we know what federation is to cost us, it is time to see if the savings anticipated from federation can be made.

There were to be reductions in numbers and salaries of members, and we are to have from Ministers and pay them less. The Government will now, doubtless, let the House candidly what its intentions are. Ministers may also yield to the persuasions of the Opposition and declare what other economies they propose to effect, and how they intend to adjust themselves and the State expenditure to the new conditions. Silence on these subjects at a time like this would not be wise, either to the Ministry or to the Opposition. The explanations may be troublesome, or even painful, but the party whose duty it is to criticize the administration of public affairs must strenuously demand them all the same, and place on Ministers the responsibility of replying or refusing them. But the people outside Parliament, who want above all things to be informed as to the real position, will sometimes be misled in the course of the Estimates by the explanations given by Ministers without the necessary explanations being asked or given. Both sides of the House as on trial just now.

NEW ZEALAND MAIL SERVICE.

Considerable interest is naturally being taken in the New Zealand House of Representatives in regard to mail communication with the United States of America. Messrs. Speckles and Co., of San Francisco, want a subsidy of £20,000 for a regular service with Auckland as the terminal port of call. There have been indications that the American company would willingly extend their operations so far north as Brisbane. Our New Zealand friends do not like this idea, and the Government had made arrangements for an alternative plan in case the San Francisco scheme was not passed as they hoped. The chief complaint against the scheme lay in the fact that Brisbane was excluded from the service, and this has been the Government's asking Mr. Speckles, an American citizen, to use what political pressure he could to secure the employment of a British-owned steamer in the San Francisco trade. It is not to improve the good faith of Mr. Speckles to anticipate that the representations of the New Zealand Government in this regard will be of any avail. However, as the matter has been referred to the New Zealand House of Representatives is concerned, a contract has been arranged for a term of eighteen months, the minimum poundage to the carriers being at £15,000 and the maximum at £20,000. But what is of more importance is that the Commonwealth is the proposer of the scheme by the House of the Government's proposal for the negotiation of a fortnightly intercolonial service, providing prompt and regular communication with the Commonwealth mail services at a port to be chosen. There is the Vancouver service, of which the House approved. In all of these proposals Sydney is directly interested, and this will be glad to give all possible help to New Zealand in the matter.

The State Cabinet. The prolonged sitting of the Legislative Assembly, extending to over the whole of Thursday and until 10 o'clock on Friday, prevented the usual Friday morning session, which was the usual time for the meeting of the House. There are several matters of importance among them the advisability of forming bills dealing with the subject of Parliament on one or two subjects, and there is also the consideration with regard to the request referred by the Department of tramway employees to the Transport Department for the right-hour system. It is now intended that these matters shall be considered at a meeting to be held tomorrow.

Wahroonga Train Service.—At the annual meeting of the Wahroonga Progress Association it was resolved that for the summer the residents should enjoy the benefit of three fast trains during the day, and many anomalies had been pointed out, connecting the service with the needs of the residents. But that the service was not to be discontinued to still further convenience, and they are confident that if greater facilities of the tramway communication were given a large population would

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